

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0045-01  
Bill No.: HB 187 with HCA 1, HCA 2, and HCA 3  
Subject: Education, Higher; Immigration  
Type: Original  
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Bill Summary: This provides pertains to postsecondary education public benefits.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
General Revenue	(\$648,000)	(\$648,000)	(\$648,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>(\$648,000)</b>	<b>(\$648,000)</b>	<b>(\$648,000)</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

☒ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Department of Higher Education (DHE)** assumed this change would only impact state student aid programs that do not specifically address the issue of the recipient's citizenship status. Those programs include the A+ program, the Kid's Chance Scholarship, the Minority Teaching Scholarship, the Minority and Underrepresented Environmental Literacy Program, and the Wartime Veterans Program. At present, unlawfully present students do not receive and have not previously received funds under these programs. Consequently, there would be no fiscal impact based on this change.

**DHE** assumes a portion of this proposal removes §173.1104.1(4), which states that students enrolled in a course of study leading to a degree in theology or divinity cannot receive funding from Bright Flight or Access Missouri. The vast majority of students who pursue a degree in theology or divinity are enrolled in independent postsecondary institutions. In FY14, there were 94,760 students enrolled at independent postsecondary institutions. Of those students, 1,310 received Bright Flight - a rate of about 1% - and 14,837 received Access Missouri - a rate of about 16%.

In FY13, there were 2,400 students pursuing a degree in theology or divinity. Assuming all of them were Missouri residents and the one percent Bright Flight rate applied to them, there would be approximately 24 students who would now be eligible to receive Bright Flight payments. The maximum award they could receive would be \$3,000 for a total cost of \$72,000.

Assuming again that all 2,400 students are Missouri residents and the 16 percent Access Missouri rate applied to them, there would be approximately 384 students who would now be eligible to receive Access Missouri payments. The maximum award those students could receive would be \$1,500 for a total cost of \$576,000.

Taken together, the impact of this legislation would be about \$648,000 each year.

In response to the previous version of this proposal, each of these officials at the **Metropolitan Community College, Missouri Southern State University, Missouri Western State University, Moberly Area Community College, State Fair Community College, State Technical College of Missouri, the University of Central Missouri and the University of Missouri** each assumed there was no fiscal impact to their respective college or university from this proposal.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials at the **Missouri State University** assume that if enacted, and depending upon the way the language is construed, it may have a negative fiscal impact, the amount and extent of the impact cannot be determined at this time. If this proposal would prohibit institutional support to deferred action students, it could negatively impact enrollment which negatively impacts revenue.

In response to the previous version of this proposal, officials at the **Truman State University** assumed they are unable to determine a fiscal impact.

**Oversight** assumes current statutory language prevents unlawfully present students from receiving postsecondary education public benefits. This proposal clarifies the term "unlawfully present". Since these students do not currently receive a benefit clarifying the term of "unlawfully present" would not have a fiscal impact.

Officials at the following colleges: Crowder, East Central Community College, Harris-Stowe, Jefferson College, Lincoln University, Northwest Missouri State University, Southeast Missouri State University, St. Charles Community College, St. Louis Community College and the Three Rivers Community College did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Cost - DHE - theology or divinity students receiving Bright Flight or Access Missouri funding</u>	<u>(\$648,000)</u>	<u>(\$648,000)</u>	<u>(\$648,000)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>(\$648,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$648,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$648,000)</u></b>
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	 FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	 FY 2017	 FY 2018
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

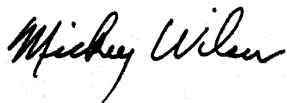
### FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, students enrolled in a course of study leading to a degree in theology or divinity are not eligible for postsecondary financial assistance. House Committee Amendment 3 removes that limitation.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Higher Education  
Metropolitan Community College  
Missouri Southern State University  
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Missouri Western State University  
Moberly Area Community College  
State Fair Community College  
State Technical College of Missouri  
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